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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—2) Page S5015
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—143) Pages S5007–08, S5015
Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 4, 2008 and adjourned at 12:18 a.m. on Thursday, June 5, 2008, until 9:30 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5120.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Walter Lukken, of Indiana, who was introduced by Senator Lugar, to be Chairman, and Bartholomew H. Chilton, of Delaware, and Scott O'Malia, of Michigan, who was introduced by Senators Domenici and Stabenow, each to be a Commissioner, all of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after each nominee testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense received testimony from sundry public witnesses requesting funding for programs in the Department of Defense appropriations bill for fiscal year 2009.

VEHICLE ROOF STRENGTH

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Affairs, Insurance, and Automotive Safety concluded an oversight hearing to examine passenger vehicle roof strength, after receiving testimony from Senator Coburn; James F. Ports, Jr., Deputy Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; Stephen L. Oesch, Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, and Michael J. Stanton, Association

of International Automobile Manufacturers, Inc., both of Arlington, Virginia; Robert Strassburger, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, Joan Claybrook, Public Citizen, and Jacqueline S. Gillan, Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, all of Washington, D.C.; and David A. Garcia, Endicott, New York.

CHINA IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on African Affairs concluded a hearing to examine the engagement of China and its expanding role in Africa, focusing on the implications for the policy of the United States, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Christensen, Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and James Swan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, both of the Department of State; Elizabeth C. Economy, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and J. Stephen Morrison, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

TERRORISM DETAINEE POLICY

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ways to improve the detainee policy, focusing on handling terrorism detainees within the American justice system, after receiving testimony from John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge for the Western District of Washington; James J. Benjamin, Jr., Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer and Feld, LLP, New York, New York; Amos N. Guiora, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, Salt Lake City; and Tom Malinowski, Human Rights Watch, and Benjamin Wittes, Brookings Institution, both of Washington, D.C.

SYSTEMIC INDIFFERENCE TO INVISIBLE WOUNDS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine mental health care programs at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities, focusing on treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder, after receiving testimony from Norma Perez, Mental Health Integration Psychologist, Central Texas Veterans Health Care System, Michael J. Kussman, Under Secretary for Health, Ira Katz, Deputy Chief of Patient Care Services, Officer for Mental Health, Rear Admiral Patrick W. Dunne, USN (Ret.), Acting Under Secretary for Benefits, Veterans Benefits Administration, and Brad Mayes, Director, Compensation and Pension Service, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 6175–6190; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 90; H. Con. Res. 368; and H. Res. 1236–1241 were introduced. **Pages H4973–74**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4975–76**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5972, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police (H. Rept. 110–679);

H.R. 1343, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–680);

H.R. 5669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States (H. Rept. 110–681);

H.R. 5940, to authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–682);

H.R. 5893, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–683, Pt. 1);

H.R. 3916, to provide for the next generation of border and maritime security technologies, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–684, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5770, to provide for a study by the National Academy of Sciences of potential impacts of climate change on water resources and water quality (H. Rept. 110–685, Pt. 1); and

H.R. 135, to establish the Twenty-First Century Water Commission to study and develop recommendations for a comprehensive water strategy to address future water needs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–504, Pt. 2). **Page H4973**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Tauscher to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H4879**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby: H. Con. Res. 311, to authorize the use of the Capitol

Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby; **Pages H4882–86**

Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated: H. Con. Res. 335, to Authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a celebration of the 100th anniversary of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; **Pages H4886–88**

James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 3712, amended, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the “James M. & Thomas W.L. Ashley Customs Building and United States Courthouse”; **Pages H4888–90**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To designate the United States courthouse located at 1716 Spielbusch Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, as the ‘James M. Ashley and Thomas W.L. Ashley United States Courthouse’.” **Page H4890**

Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building Designation Act: H.R. 5599, to designate the Federal building located at 4600 Silver Hill Road in Suitland, Maryland, as the “Thomas Jefferson Census Bureau Headquarters Building”; **Pages H4890–91**

Health Centers Renewal Act of 2007: H.R. 1343, amended, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 393 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 372; **Pages H4891–96, H4935–36**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To amend the Public Health Service Act to provide additional authorizations of appropriations for the health centers program under section 330 of such Act, and for other purposes.” **Page H4936**

Poison Center Support, Enhancement, and Awareness Act of 2008: H.R. 5669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the poison center national toll-free number, national media campaign, and grant program to provide assistance for poison prevention, sustain the funding of poison centers, and enhance the public health of people of the United States, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 405 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 373; **Pages H4896–99, H4936–37**

Library of Congress Sound Recording and Film Preservation Programs Reauthorization Act of

2008: H.R. 5893, amended, to reauthorize the sound recording and film preservation programs of the Library of Congress; **Pages H4899–H4901**

United States Capitol Police Administrative Technical Corrections Act of 2008: H.R. 5972, amended, to make technical corrections to the laws affecting certain administrative authorities of the United States Capitol Police; **Pages H4901–03**

Expressing the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority: H. Con. Res. 366, to express the sense of Congress that increasing American capabilities in science, mathematics, and technology education should be a national priority; and **Pages H4911–17**

Recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding women scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians in the United States and around the world on Mother's Day, 2008: H. Res. 1180, amended, to recognize the efforts and contributions of outstanding women scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians in the United States and around the world on Mother's Day, 2008. **Pages H4918–19**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "Recognizing the efforts and contributions of outstanding women scientists, technologists, engineers, and mathematicians in the United States and around the world." **Page H4919**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

National Nanotechnology Initiative Amendments Act of 2008: H.R. 5940, amended, to authorize activities for support of nanotechnology research and development and **Pages H4903–11**

Public Land Communities Transition Act of 2007: H.R. 3058, amended, to amend chapter 69 of title 31, United States Code, to provide full payments under such chapter to units of general local government in which entitlement land is located, to provide transitional payments during fiscal years 2008 through 2012 to those States and counties previously entitled to payments under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000. **Pages H4919–27**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces. **Page H4935**

21st Century Green High-Performing Public School Facilities Act: The House passed H.R.

3021, to direct the Secretary of Education to make grants and low-interest loans to local educational agencies for the construction, modernization, or repair of public kindergarten, elementary, and secondary educational facilities, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 250 yeas to 164 nays, Roll No. 379.

Pages H4927–35, H4937–61

Rejected the McMorris Rodgers motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and Labor with instructions to report the same back to the House promptly with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 187 yeas to 230 nays, Roll No. 378.

Pages H4959–60

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Labor now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the 5-minute rule. **Page H4946**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To direct the Secretary of Education to make grants to State educational agencies for the modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities, and for other purposes." **Page H4948**

Accepted:

Davis (VA) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that allows for priority consideration to science and technology schools once the funds reach their local educational agencies; **Pages H4952–53**

Visclosky amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that requires a local educational agency to use American steel and iron for modernization, renovation, or repair projects at a public school facility; includes waivers if iron and steel are not produced in the U.S. in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and if iron and steel produced in the U.S. will increase the cost of the overall project by more than 25 percent; **Pages H4953–54**

Reichert amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that provides that local education agencies may use a grant for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities to reduce class size; **Pages H4955–56**

Kildee amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that makes various technical changes in addition to clarifying or adding certain allowable uses of funds, clarifying the Act's green building requirements, and adding certain reporting requirements (by a recorded vote of 260 yeas to 151 nays, Roll No. 374); **Pages H4947, H4956**

Ehlers amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that establishes a moratorium on using federal funds to purchase carbon offsets with the funding authorized in the bill (by a recorded vote of 397 yeas to 17 nays, Roll No. 375);

Pages H4949–50, H4956–57

Welch (VT) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that allows funding authorized by the bill to be used for renewable energy generation and heating systems in schools (by a recorded vote of 409 ayes to 5 noes, Roll No. 376); and

Page H4950–52, H4957–58

Matheson amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 110–678) that provides that schools and local educational agencies receiving grants under this bill shall report, if they installed flooring, whether it was (1) low- or no-VOC (Volatile Organic Compounds) flooring, (2) made from sustainable materials, and (3) cost effective (by a recorded vote of 266 ayes to 153 noes, Roll No. 377).

Pages H4954–55, H4958

Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House.

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H. Res. 1234, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 371, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 370.

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Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the victims of the tornado that struck Iowa on May 25, 2008.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow, June 5th.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4917.

Senate Referrals: S. 2162 was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs and S. 2967 was held at the desk.

Pages H4917, H4971

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4934–35, H4935, H4936, H4936–37, H4956, H4956–57, H4957–58, H4958, H4960 and H4961. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Committee Meetings

HEALTH IT AND PRIVACY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Discussion Draft of Health Information Technology and Privacy Legislation.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Carolyn M. Clancy, M.D., Director, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality; and Susan D. McAndrew, Deputy Director, Health Information

Privacy, Office for Civil Rights; and public witnesses.

HUD/FEMA GULF COAST GUARD RESPONSE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity and the Subcommittee on Emergency Communications, Preparedness and Response of the Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled “Examining the Roles and Responsibilities of HUD and FEMA in Responding to the Affordable Housing Needs of Gulf Coast States following Emergencies and Natural Disasters.” Testimony was heard from Carlos J. Castillo, Assistant Administrator, Disaster Assistance Directorate, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security; Jeffrey H. Riddel, Director, Office of Capital Improvements, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Edward Blakely, Recovery Chief, Office of Recovery and Development Administration, City of New Orleans; and public witnesses.

FBI's ROLE AT GUANTANAMO BAY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on City on the Hill or Prison on the Bay, Part III Guantanamo—the Role of the FBI. Testimony was heard from Glenn A. Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice.

BRIEFING—U.S.-IRAQI RELATIONS OUTLOOK

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a briefing on the Future of U.S.-Iraq Relations: The Perspective of the Iraqi Parliament. The Subcommittee was briefed by Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle East Affairs, Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division, CRS, Library of Congress; and representatives of the Council of Representatives of Iraq.

IMMIGRATION DETAINEE MEDICAL CARE

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law held a hearing on Problems with Immigration Detainee Medical Care. Testimony was heard from the following officials of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security: Julie Myers, Assistant Secretary; Philip Farabaugh, Acting Director, Division of Immigration Health Services; Richard M. Stana, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, GAO; and public witnesses.